

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the communication mailed June 20, 2008. In the communication, the examiner indicated that the independent claims had been canceled by examiner's amendment, and provided one month to present dependent claims 16 and 17 in independent form. Because the examiner indicated that independent claim 1 was canceled by examiner's amendment, newly presented independent claims 32 and 33 correspond to as-filed dependent claims 16 and 17, respectively, and thus each include the feature of as-filed dependent claim 13. Newly presented claims 34 and 35 correspond to as-filed independent claim 1 rewritten to include only the features of as-filed claims 16 and 17, respectively, since the opinion of the Board indicated that it was these features alone, and not the combination of these features with those of dependent claim 13, that rendered the claims allowable.

In view of the foregoing, independent Claims 32-35 are patentable over the citations of record. The dependent claims are also deemed patentable.

Hence, Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections and rejections set forth in the above-noted Office Action, and an early Notice of Allowance are requested.

If for some reason Applicant has not paid a sufficient fee for this response, please consider this as authorization to charge Ingrassia, Fisher & Lorenz, Deposit Account No. 50-2091 for any fee which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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